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Marty, great letter and hopefully the PSC members will get the message that no longer are people in Tega Cay & surrounding communities willing to tolerate a Private business that is continuing to break every law in the book while making profits without any investment back into a system that is outdated and effectively broken. Thank you, Ralph

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"HEADLINE NEWS"

LAKE WYLIE POLUTED/CONTAMINATED BY SLUDGE BEING DUMPED OVER A TEN YEAR PERIOD. PROPERTY VALUES PLUMMET.

This Mock Headline is not so far from reality. One company has steadily been allowed to advance this from fantasy to fact.

Our Government Representatives and Protective Agencies have been **unwilling** or **unable** to tackle the issue of illegal dumping of toxic materials into our Lake and onto our properties for **over ten years by Utilities Inc.** When our representatives and protective agencies fail to protect the citizens that they represent and the environment they live in, serious consideration should be given to upgrading the Policies and Procedures and Enforcement of the Laws governing the dumping of raw sewage. I have stood side by side, year after year, with Representative Ralph Norman at Community Meetings and Rate Increase Hearings where he argued against rate increases for Utilities Inc. for these exact reasons, without success.

The Tega Cay City Council, City Mayor and City Manager are finally making a concerted effort to come up with a definitive resolution to this ongoing issue, for which I commend them. The rest of the South Carolina's elected officials and government/protective agencies have either stood silent or saw their meager efforts to lawfully fine Utilities Inc. fail horribly. The heads of these governing agencies knew that the existing efforts were futile yet never attempted to try and change them giving their enforcement abilities more teeth. They have allowed the citizens living around Lake Wylie to continuously be exposed to the toxic waste water over

the past one or two decades. It is time that everyone of you get to work and earn your pay. This issue has to be addressed before the stain on Ft Mill, Tega Cay and the surrounding areas as well as the reputation of South Carolina are permanently damaged.

(Please read attached "Letter to the Editor.")

Ladies & Gentlemen,

The events regarding the sewage spills into Lake Wylie as well as our private homes and properties are getting to be a daily event. Television News Reports and Newspaper Articles have documented quite well Tega Cay Water Service's (Utilities Inc.) failed attempts at identifying the problem and permanently rectifying the situation. The residents have been living with this issue for at least the last decade that I have resided in Tega Cay. Each report of another spill sends a clear message to prospective home buyers that their are better and safer areas to raise their families. The surrounding townships come with lower taxes, Ft Mill Schools, lower water bills, no fear of potential health issues and no threat of property devaluation. The U.S. Government along with the State of South Carolina have set up Laws and Agencies (to enforce these laws) to ensure that Individuals and Companies alike do not violate statutes within the Criminal Law, Civil Law, Environmental Law, Health & Education Law, Marine & Aviation Law, just to name a few. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) deal specifically with environmental issues like "The Clean Water Act" and " The Safe Drinking Water Act." Both the EPA & SCDHEC have the ability to Fine, Rescind or Reject Certifications. In cases where there are violations of Criminal Law, Individuals and Company Representatives responsible for the criminal acts can be arrested. We have a competent City Council, Mayor and City Manager that are for the first time seriously looking into alternatives to continuing to utilize Tega Cay Water Service, Utilities Inc. The residents of Tega Cay most certainly feel that we are under represented by the SC State Senate and to a lesser extent the House of Representatives. Where are our representatives from the U.S. Senate & U.S. Congress? When the Governor states that her office is looking into the matter I tend to convert the ongoing investigation into months or years. For my Family it has already been a decade and much longer for others. How much longer will residents of the City of Tega Cay in the great State of South Carolina have to wait for one or more of our esteemed Representatives or Regulatory Agencies to act on our behalf. LETS NOT GIVE UTILITIES INC. ANOTHER DECADE TO GET THIS RIGHT. PLEASE SEND THEM A CLEAR AND CONCISE MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF ALL SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS THAT UTILIZE LAKE WYLIE FOR RECREATIONAL USE AS WELL AS FOR SUSTENANCE (FOOD & DRINKING WATER).

Sincerely,

Martin Camhi

Tega Cay Resident